## **MINUTES**

## **COMMISSION MEETING**

## December 3, 2004

The New Hampshire Public Utilities Commission Meeting began at 3:42 P.M. on Friday, December 3, 2004. Chairman Thomas B. Getz, Commissioner Graham J. Morrison and Commission Michael D. Harrington were present. Also present were the Division Heads or their designees. The following matters were discussed.

1. Approval of the November 19, 2004 Commission Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to adopt the minutes of the November 19, 2004 Commission Meeting.

2. DRM 04-149; Puc 500, Rules for Gas Service and Gas Safety (Readoption Amendment and Repeal Final Proposal)

Chairman Getz announced the Commission's vote on November 30, 2004, which adopted the final proposal in DRM 04-149, Rulemaking for Gas Service Chapter Puc 500. The final proposal was filed with JLCAR in the form of a letter by Attorney Amidon on December 2, 2004, setting forth the background of the proposal.

3. DT 02-111; Verizon New Hampshire (Investigation into Verizon T1 Service)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the November 22, 2004 secretarial letter extending the Verizon Superpath T1 Promotion to February 28, 2005.

4. DT 04-176; Biddeford Internet Corporation d/b/a Great Works Internet (GWI) and segTEL, Inc.
(Joint Petition for an Expedited Order that Verizon New Hampshire Remain Obligated to Provide Line Sharing)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the November 22, 2004 secretarial letter stating that the Parties advise the Commission of the status of their ongoing negotiations no later than December 1, 2004. The Commission also requests that Verizon advise the Commission regarding its intentions with respect to filing the interim agreements it has reached with GWI and segTEL Inc.

5. DG 04-177; Public Service Company of New Hampshire (Proposed Transition Service Rate)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the November 23, 2004 secretarial letter which rescheduled the Settlement Conference to Monday, December 13, 2004, at 9:30 a.m.

6. DT 04-176; Biddeford Internet Corporation d/b/a Great Works Internet, and segTEL, Inc.,
(Joint Petition for an Expedited Order that Verizon New Hampshire Remain Obligated to Provide Line Sharing)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the November 24, 2004 secretarial letter extending the deadline for filing responses to December 6, 2004.

7. DE 04-189; Granite State Electric Company (Default Service Rates for 1/1/05 through 10/31/05)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the November 29, 2004 secretarial letter rescheduling the hearing to December 7, 2004 at 1:30 p.m.

8. DG 04-133; KeySpan Energy Delivery New England, DG 04-175; (Integrated Resources Plan and Gas Dispatch Investigation)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the November 30, 2004 secretarial letter which approved the following procedural schedule:

Technical Session December 14, 2004 at 9:00 a.m. Management Audit at Company Offices December 15 and 16, 2004

9. DE 04-197; Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., (Petition for a One-Year Extension of Transition and Default Service)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the December 1, 2004 secretarial letter which approved the following procedural schedule:

Unitil's Responses to all Parties' Data Requests Propounded at the Technical Session Hearing on the Merits

December 3, 2004 December 15, 2004 9:00 a.m. 10. DE 03-113; Public Service Company of New Hampshire (Investigation into Service Quality in the Town of Bedford)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to ratify the December 1, 2004 secretarial letter which sets January 31, 2005, as the deadline for comments regarding the Dufresne-Henry Report.

11. DG 04-133; EnergyNorth Natural Gas, Inc., d/b/a KeySpan Energy DG 04-175; Delivery New England, (Integrated Resources Plan and Gas Dispatch Investigation)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to issue a Prehearing Conference Order and Order on Outstanding Motions for Protective Treatment.

12. DW 04-182; Granite State Electric Co., New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc., Public Service Company of New Hampshire and Unitil Energy Systems, Inc., (2005 "Core" Energy Efficiency Program Filing)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to issue an Order *Nisi* Approving 2005 Programs.

## 13. New Business

A. DE 04-192; New Hampshire Electric Cooperative, Inc. (Stranded Cost Charge Adjustment for 2005)

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to issue an Order *Nisi* Approving Change in Stranded Cost Charge.

14. Miscellaneous Administrative Matters

Chairman Getz announced that the next Commission meeting would be held on Wednesday, December 8, 2004 at 8:30 A.M.

Chairman Getz also announced that the Commission intends to deliberate in DW 04-048, regarding the City of Nashua's Petition for Valuation of the Pennichuck Utilities, with respect to the issue of the extent of the City's eminent domain power under RSA Chapter 38.

A motion was made by Commissioner Morrison, seconded by Commissioner Harrington and unanimously approved to adjourn this meeting. The meeting, therefore, adjourned at 3:53 P.M.